Integrated textile parks

95. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up integrated textile parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government have signed an MoU for the newly launched scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the criteria for selection of sites for setting up of such parks in the country; and

(f) the funds allocated for these parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government has launched the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

(b) So far 26 projects have been sanctioned under the SITP. State-wise break-up is—Andhra Pradesh (4), Gujarat (6) Karnataka (1) Maharashtra (6), Rajasthan (2), Tamil Nadu (5), Uttar Pradesh (1) and West Bengal (1).

(c) and (d) Government has singed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (ILF&S) as Project Management Consultant (PMC) for implementing the Scheme. The role and functions of the PMC are:

(i) Identifying the locations for setting up the Integrated Textile Park based on a scientific assessment of the demand and potential of the area.

(ii) Facilitating formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) at each project level with the participation of local industry.

(iii) Preparation of Project Plan including the setting of standards for infrastructure.

(iv) Structure and appraise the projects and submit the same for consideration of Project Approval Committee (PAC).

(v) Assist the SPV in selection of agencies for preparation of bid documents, construction, operation and maintenance of the facilities in the Project.

(vi) Assist the SPV in achieving financial closure.

(vii) To liaise with the State Governments to resolve state-related problems.

(viii) Ensure timely completion of project(s) as fixed by the PAC.

(e) The criteria for selection of site for setting up of such park *inter alia* include potential investment, employment generation and viability of projects.

(f) The estimated project cost of the 26 projects sanctioned so far is Rs. 2411.20 Crore, out of which Government of India support would be Rs. 862.55 Crore.

Technology upgradation fund scheme for handloom organizations

96. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the Textile Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for handloom organizations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and the present position thereof;

(c) whether Government have invited project proposal from handloom organizations recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance given so far, State-wise; and

(e) the criteria set for eligible organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of India has introduced "Technology Up-gradation Fund (TUF) Scheme for Handloom sector" on 31st July, 2006 as a part of the on-going TUF Scheme for the